



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service

# AGRI-VIEW



Cooperating with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
8 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 500 · St. Paul, MN 55101  
(651) 296-2230 · (651) 296-3192 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov

## ISSUE AV-17-07

**RELEASED**  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2007**

## IN THIS ISSUE:

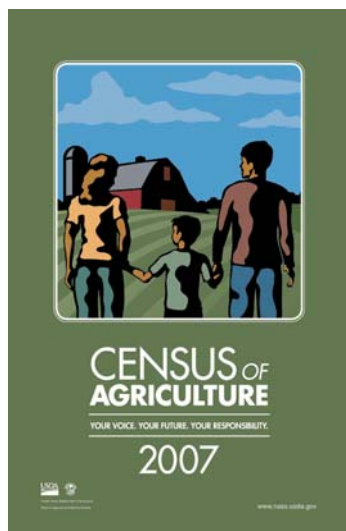
## PRICES RECEIVED

## CROP REPORT

## FARM LABOR

## POULTRY DISTRICT ESTIMATES

## MILK PRODUCTION



Watch for your  
Census Questionnaire  
in late December 2007.

## CORN, SOYBEAN PRICES DOWN FROM JULY

Prices received by Minnesota farmers for soybeans for August averaged \$7.00 per bushel, a decrease of 21 cents from the July price. The preliminary corn price for August, at \$2.90 per bushel, was down 12 cents from July.

The all hog price for August was \$55.40 per cwt., an increase of \$1.20 from the July price. The all beef cattle price for August was \$83.50 per cwt., an increase of \$2.20 from the July price.

The all milk price for August, at \$21.10 per cwt., was down 50 cents from July.

The preliminary U.S. All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 139 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 2 points (1.4 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 2 points (1.4 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.7 percent).

## AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity And Unit	U.S.	-----Minnesota-----		
	August 2007 1/	August 2006 2/	July 2007 2/	August 2007 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu .....	3.57	2.15	3.02	3.05
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt.....	26.40	21.30	26.80	27.00
Kidney, cwt .....	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt .....	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt .....	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu .....	3.17	1.93	3.02	2.90
Hay, All Baled, ton .....	132.00	72.00	95.00	103.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton .....	137.00	75.00	97.00	107.00
Other, Baled, ton .....	118.00	59.00	84.00	88.00
Oats, bu .....	2.25	1.73	2.16	2.05
Potatoes, cwt .....	7.98	8.60	6.20	8.20
Soybeans, bu .....	7.49	5.09	7.21	7.00
Sunflowers, All, cwt .....	18.40	14.70	18.30	18.50
Wheat, All, bu.....	5.85	4.20	5.36	5.47
Calves, cwt.....	129.00	124.00	130.00	124.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/.....	90.50	77.50	81.30	83.50
Cows, cwt, 6/ .....	51.50	51.00	53.80	54.00
Steers & Heifers, cwt.....	94.40	81.80	85.90	88.50
Milk Cows, head 7/.....	--	--	1,900.00	--
Hogs, All, cwt .....	53.20	53.00	54.20	55.40
Barrows & Gilts, cwt .....	54.10	53.20	54.30	55.50
Sows, cwt .....	36.00	36.50	39.30	38.50
Lambs, cwt 8/.....	--	91.20	105.00	--
Sheep, cwt 8/.....	--	23.70	26.50	--
Milk, All, cwt .....	21.70	11.90	21.60	21.10
Eggs, Table Market, doz .....	0.72	0.41	0.86	0.77

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data. 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual farms. 4/ Price not set at the US level. 5/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 7/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 8/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

## U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100)

Item	Jul 2006	Aug 2006	Jul 2007	Aug 2007
	2006	2006	2007	2007
Prices Received .....	117	119	141	139
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates) .....	149	149	158	158
Parity Ratio 1/ .....	79	80	89	88

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index.

## U.S. INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1990-92 = 100)

Commodities	Aug 2006 2/	Jul 2007 2/	Aug 2007 1/
	2006 2/	2007 2/	2007 1/
All Farm Products .....	119	141	139
Crops .....	125	141	139
Meat Animals .....	119	120	122
Dairy Products .....	92	166	166
Poultry & Eggs .....	123	157	153

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

## MINNESOTA CORN AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTION UP FROM LAST MONTH

**CORN** production for Minnesota is forecast at 1.21 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and up 10 percent from 2006. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 158 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month, but down from last year's yield of 161 bushels per acre. Corn for grain harvested area is estimated at 7.7 million acres, up 12 percent from last year.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 260 million bushels, up 5 percent from last month's forecast, but down 18 percent from last year's record high production. Soybean yield is forecast at 42 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels from last month's forecast, but down 2 bushels from 2006. Soybean harvested area is estimated at 6.2 million acres, down 15 percent from a year ago.

The **SUGARBEET** crop is forecast at 10.6 million tons, down 1 percent from last month and down 10 percent from the record high production level in 2006. Yield is forecast at 22.4 tons per acre, down 2.5 tons per acre from last year's record high yield of 24.9 tons per acre.

### U.S. HIGHLIGHTS

**CORN** production is forecast at 13.3 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month, and 26 percent above 2006. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 155.8 bushels per acre, up 3.0 bushels from August and 6.7 bushels above last year. If realized, this would be the second highest yield on record, behind the 160.4 bushel yield in 2004. Production would be the largest on record, as growers expect to harvest the most corn acres for grain since 1933. Expected yields are higher than last month across the northern and central Great Plains and Corn Belt, where heavy rainfall during the month provided much-needed moisture for the crop. Yield forecasts in the southern Great Plains and Delta are also higher than last month as early harvest results are better than anticipated. Yields are unchanged or lower than August across much of the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

**SOYBEAN** production is forecast at 2.62 billion bushels, down slightly from the August forecast and down 18 percent from last year's record high. Based on September 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 41.4 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from last month, and down 1.3 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yields are forecast lower across the central Corn Belt, the Tennessee Valley, and the Southeast. Hot, dry conditions contributed to most of the decline, especially in Kentucky and Tennessee, down 8 bushels and 9 bushels from last month, respectively. However, yields increased from the August 1 forecast in the northern Great Plains and northwestern Corn Belt, as beneficial rains fell during the month of August.

**SUGARBEET** production is forecast at 30.1 million tons, 1 percent above the August forecast but 12 percent below last year's production of 34.1 million tons. Growers expect to harvest 1.24 million acres, unchanged from the August forecast, but down 5 percent from last year. The yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, up 0.2 ton from last month, but down 1.9 tons from the 2006 record high yield. Yields are at or below last year's level in all states except Colorado, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

### MINNESOTA & U.S. HARVESTED ACRES, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION

COMMODITY	2006 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2007 HARVESTED ACRES (000)	2006 YIELD	2007 YIELD	2006 PRODUCTION (000)	2007 PRODUCTION (000)
-----------	-------------------------------------	-------------------------------------	---------------	---------------	-----------------------------	-----------------------------

#### MINNESOTA

CORN (Bu)	6,850	7,650	161.0	158.0	1,102,850	1,208,700
SOYBEANS (Bu)	7,250	6,200	44.0	42.0	319,000	260,400
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	477	475	24.9	22.4	11,877	10,640

#### UNITED STATES

CORN (Bu)	70,648	85,418	149.1	155.8	10,534,868	13,307,999
SOYBEANS (Bu)	74,602	63,265	42.7	41.4	3,188,247	2,618,796
SUGARBEETS (Ton)	1,304	1,241	26.1	24.2	34,064	30,090

## LAKE REGION HIRED WORKERS UP 10,000 FROM JULY 2006

**Lake Region:** There were 78,000 hired workers on Lake Region (Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin) farms the week of July 8-14, 2007, up 10,000 from a year ago. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage rate of \$10.26 per hour during the July 2007 survey week, up by 4 cents from July 2006. Field workers received an average of \$9.52 per hour, a 15 cent increase from a year ago. Livestock workers earned \$9.33 per hour compared with \$9.72 a year earlier. The Field and Livestock Workers combined wage rate, at \$9.44 per hour, was down 6 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.2 for hired workers during the survey week, compared with 38.4 hours a year ago.

**United States:** There were 1,205,000 hired workers on the nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2007, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 847,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 358,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.04 per hour during the July 2007 reference week, up 32 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.31 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.80 per hour, compared with \$9.49 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.44 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

### WORKERS ON FARMS, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, AND WAGE RATES FOR ALL HIRED WORKERS, LAKE REGION AND UNITED STATES, JULY 2007

	Lake Region 1/		United States 2/	
	July 9-15 2006	July 8-14 2007	July 9-15 2006	July 8-14 2007
<b>Workers on Farms All Hired Workers</b>	1,000 Workers			
	68	78	1,196	1,205
	Hours Per Week			
<b>Hours Worked All Hired Workers</b>	38.4	40.2	41.0	41.6
	Dollars Per Hour			
<b>Workers by Type</b>				
Field	9.37	9.52	8.93	9.31
Livestock	9.72	9.33	9.49	9.80
Field & Livestock	9.50	9.44	9.07	9.44
All Workers	10.22	10.26	9.72	10.04

1/ Lake Region = Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Excludes agricultural service workers.

2/ Excludes Alaska.

**POULTRY: LAYERS AND EGG PRODUCTION  
BY DISTRICT, MINNESOTA 2006**

District	Annual Average Layers	Total Egg Production
	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000 Eggs</u>
Northwest	968,000	270,000
West Central	291,000	79,000
Central	7,365,000	1,948,000
South Central	1,636,000	428,000
Other Districts	819,000	215,000
<b>MINNESOTA</b>	<b>11,079,000</b>	<b>2,940,000</b>

**AUGUST MILK OUTPUT UP 5 PERCENT  
IN MINNESOTA**

Totaling 720 million pounds, the state's August milk production was up 5.0 percent from August 2006.

Output per cow was 1,555 pounds in August, up 30 pounds from last August. Milk cows for August averaged 463,000 head, the same as July, but up 13,000 from last year.

August 2007 milk output in the 23 major states was 14.3 billion pounds, up 3.6 percent from August 2006. Milk cows in the 23 states averaged 8.33 million head, up 72,000 from the previous year. At 1,721 pounds, production per cow was 45 pounds greater than August 2006.

**JULY/AUGUST 2007 MILK STATS**

State	Milk Production		Percent of Previous Year	
	July	August	July	August
	Million Lbs.		Percent	
California	3,450	3,452	110.6	104.9
Idaho	1,017	1,018	105.5	104.5
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>105.0</b>
New York	1,033	1,025	100.6	102.3
Pennsylvania	886	893	99.8	102.1
Wisconsin	2,084	2,047	104.1	104.5
23 States	14,493	14,332	103.9	103.6

Douglas Harwtig  
Director

Dan Lofthus  
Deputy Director